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THE MODERN GENTLEMAN.

In some of our earliest immigration records the more favored arrivals were designated as "gentlemen," says the Saturday Evening Post. For instance, one cargo of colonists comprised a score of "gentlemen" and several hundred laboring men and handicraftsmen. It is true that historians have added a descriptive word to the selected class and called them "gentlemen adventurers," but the idea of superiority still endures; and in this age of genealogical research a familiar tragedy is the experience of a proud son or a haughty dame going back through the centuries and striking as a lineal ancestor a plain handicraftsman instead of a duly authenticated "gentleman." There is no cover for that kind of disappointment except a coat-of-arms—which need not be historical if it be safe.

In these days the designation of "gentleman" is formally used in Great Britain, but in America there has been a gradual disappearance of its ancient employment. The other day the scion of a family that had won wealth and kept it was on the witness stand. He gave his occupation as "gentleman." It was understood, of course, but the attorney for the other side was no respecter of terms or of persons. He asked bluntly what witness meant by "gentleman." There was an awkward quarter of an hour, and in the end the witness, by that time red with discomfiture, declared that a gentleman was a person of education who did not have to work for his living.

Nothing kills so swiftly as ridicule or absurdity. This accounts for the gradual elimination of "gentleman" as a definition for directories or official certificates. And—shall we call it the sarcasm of fate?—the word that takes the place of "gentleman" in these practical but unromantic chronicles is "capitalist."

But while we smile let us remember that we have not removed the gentleman from our social category. Rather have we given to the word a better significance. We can even surmise that there were more real gentlemen among the handicraftsmen than among the favored 20 who alone bore the appellation. Certainly, history has shown who became the freemen and who did the great work of liberty and nation building.

After all, there is really no new idea of the gentleman. It is as ancient as the hills. "Though all the honors of thy line bedeck thy halls, believe me, virtue alone is true nobility," said old Juvenal. "Oh, give me inborn worth! If thou really merit the character of blameless integrity, of staunch love of justice both in words and deeds, then I recognize thy right to be esteemed a gentleman."

TORPEDOES AN AMERICAN INVENTION.

Speaking of the use of torpedoes in warfare, a New York morning paper says they were proposed but not developed in the revolutionary war, and that only in two or three instances were they successfully used in the civil war. To this the Richmond Times-Dispatch takes exception, as concerns the last clause, and refers to a paper contributed to its columns by Colonel Richard L. Maury, son of Commodore Maury, well known as a marine geographer and sometimes alluded to as "The Pathfinder of the Sea," in imitation of John Charles Fremont's title, "The Pathfinder." Colonel Maury makes the claim that his father did a "wonderful work" in developing the torpedo, and that he "laid the foundations upon which the present torpedo service of the world has been built." He claims that more than 40 Federal vessels were destroyed by confederate torpedoes, and the Times-Dispatch gives a brief account of the destruction of one of these, called "the Commodore Jones," and what happened as a consequence. Says the Richmond paper:

"This vessel was sailing up James river unsuspecting of danger, but when near Deep Bottom a torpedo was exploded under it and it was completely destroyed. There were other federal vessels near by, and these landed a force on the shore and captured the confederates who were in charge of the torpedo battery there. All of the men captured were killed; they were run down and bayoneted."

In another instance cited a rebel steamer imitated the Russian ships by getting hoist of the rebel tor-

pedoes, on the James. The Times-Dispatch asserts positively that "the confederates were the first to use torpedoes as an effective engine of warfare," and that Maury, who, by the way, forgot his oath of allegiance to the United States, was one of the most conspicuous contributors to their use.

So it seems the introduction of torpedoes is to be laid to Americans, after all. But it also seems they did not do the original inventors much good.

BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

A publication that finds a logical place in the library of both the historian and the geographer is a bulletin (No. 226) entitled "Boundaries of the United States and of the Several States and Territories, with an Outline of the History of all Important Changes of Territory," which has just been published by the United States geological survey for gratuitous distribution. The author is Mr. Henry Gannett, who prepared this paper in its first form in 1885, when it was published as bulletin No. 13. A second edition, much enlarged, constituted bulletin No. 171, published in 1900. The present work is therefore a third edition, and is its own recommendation.

Besides giving the present boundaries of the country and of the several states and territories, as defined by treaty, charter, or statute, Mr. Gannett presents briefly the history of all important changes of territory and the laws appertaining to those changes. He shows how the boundaries of our country have been affected by the provisional treaty of the United States with Great Britain in 1782, by the treaty with Spain in 1798, by the definitive treaty with Great Britain in 1783, by the treaty of London in 1794, by the treaty of Ghent in 1814, by the treaty with Great Britain in 1842, and by the Webster Ashburton treaty with Great Britain in 1846.

The additions of territory that have come to the United States and the consequent changes in boundary lines are described. They include the Louisiana purchase, the Florida purchase, the Texas accession, the Mexican cession, the Gadsden purchase, the Alaska purchase, and the acquisition of the Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico, Guam, the Philippine islands and Tutuila.

A historical review is given of the changes that have occurred in the public domain. A detailed account is also presented of the way in which the present boundary lines of the various states and territories have been developed. The bulletin, in short, contains in convenient form a great quantity of information that will be useful to the student, teacher, legislator, and general reader.

Census bureau figures indicate that in 1902 this country produced more than a quarter of a billion tons of bituminous coal, valued at nearly \$300,000,000; anthracite coal worth more than \$76,000,000, copper with a valuation above \$71,000,000, gold of a coining value exceeding \$67,000,000; iron ore reached a total of nearly \$67,500,000, silver at coining figures surpassed \$70,000,000, and the petroleum total was more than \$71,000,000. Mines and quarries and oil wells, together with smelters, reducing and refining works, turned out the almost fabulous total of \$884,040,869. This wonderful republic will not go into the hands of a receiver until the stars grow cold.

Daring operations of surgeons which would never have been attempted in the last generation now have no terrors for the foremost experts with the knife. In Chicago an enterprising member of the profession has taken six stitches in the outer edge of the heart of a boy who had been wounded by a bullet, and it is thought the patient may recover. Before the thorough use of antiseptics so bold an experiment would hardly have been thought of, but in this century surgery has gone forward with giant strides, and in desperate cases in present conditions radical measures of the extreme type have proved frequently to be successful.

It has been figured out by the pension department at Washington that veterans of the civil war are dyind at the rate of 90 per day, while soldiers' widows are being gathered to their fathers 20 each day.

The Seattle Trade Register reports that the run of salmon on the Columbia has materially increased during the past week. Well, there's nothing quite like going away from home for "news."

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TIE-UP IS COMPLETE.

Garment Workers Winning Out in New York.

New York, June 27.—Leaders in the strike of garment workers declare the tie-up to be complete and estimate the number of persons out at 35,000 to 40,000. In a day or two 10,000 finishers, mostly Italian women who take their work home, will be added to the ranks of the idle.

In whatever way the trouble may end, it is biggest clothing strike New York has seen for at least six years. Since the last big clothing strike the population and the business have increased enormously, and it is estimated that there are at least 20,000 more clothing workers in the city than there were six years ago.

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